

**JOINT STATEMENT
OF
AT&T CONNECTICUT,
CELLCO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS,
T-MOBILE USA AND SPRINT NEXTEL**

**Regarding Raised House Bill No. 5224
An Act Concerning Implied Warranties of Merchantability
and the Return of Consumer Goods
Before the Committee on General Law
February 23, 2010**

Proposal:

Raised House Bill No. 5224 would modify the application of implied warranties of merchantability for consumer goods sold at retail in Connecticut. In addition, the bill would permit a buyer to require replacement of a returned item with a new and not refurbished item, even if the terms of the sale specified otherwise.

Comments:

AT&T Connecticut, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, T-Mobile USA and Sprint Nextel are opposed to the bill and urge the committee to reject it.

Our goal is to provide customers with excellent service at reasonable prices. Although well intentioned, the bill would result in increased cost for consumers with no real benefit. While legislation of this nature has been proposed in other jurisdictions, none has been adopted; with good reason.

Customers are protected should the device they purchase prove defective after the initial trial period. All phones sold by wireless carriers are subject to a 1-year manufacturer warranty. These warranties are provided by the device manufacturer – not the service provider. As a courtesy to our customers, however, the service provider may help to facilitate the manufacturer's warranty by troubleshooting common issues, replacing select devices or providing for the device to be shipped to the manufacturer for repair or replacement.

The wireless industry knows how important it is for consumers to stay connected. We offer customers who are in warranty an optional, courtesy service to ensure customers with defective equipment can quickly obtain a wireless device. Since sending the device directly to the manufacturer for repair or replacement can take some time, usually 1 - 2 weeks, as an example, AT&T offers an opportunity under its Warranty Exchange Program for the customer to obtain a replacement without having to first return the defective phone. Under the Warranty Exchange Program, a customer can receive a replacement device in as little as 1 - 2 business days. Additionally, in areas where we have a Device Support Center, including Connecticut, customers with an eligible device may be able to receive a same-day replacement. The Warranty Exchange Program and the Device Support Center are simply offered as a convenience to AT&T customers; they in no way supplant the customer's ability

to deal directly with the manufacturer under the warranty or the customer's rights under the warranty.

The industry also offers its postpaid customers the ability to purchase wireless phone insurance for a low, monthly fee. This optional coverage protects against loss, theft, or accidental physical damage.

Under both the Warranty Exchange Program and the Wireless Phone Insurance, customers may receive refurbished phones. These are like-new phones that have been carefully tested to ensure that they meet the manufacturer's initial quality standards; they are not inferior products. Including refurbished phones in the stock available to be provided as replacement devices is industry practice; we are not aware that this practice is or ever has been an issue for our customers.

If refurbished devices could no longer be provided, customers would not have the convenience of receiving a like-new replacement so quickly or conveniently. Instead, they would have to return the phone for repair and wait for the phone to be returned. The increased cost to manufacturers and service providers would be significant, driving up costs to consumers, without any impact on the quality of the device they ultimately receive.

Finally, we think it is important to note that requiring new replacement devices would not be consistent with companies' efforts to reduce environmental impacts by keeping production down and reusing non-defective like-new equipment to reduce waste.

Conclusion:

AT&T Connecticut, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, T-Mobile USA and Sprint Nextel oppose Raised House Bill No. 5224 and urge the committee to reject it.

STANDARD LIMITED WARRANTY

What is Covered and For How Long? SAMSUNG TELECOMMUNICATIONS AMERICA, L.P. ("SAMSUNG") warrants to the original purchaser ("Purchaser") that SAMSUNG's Phones and accessories ("Products") are free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service for the period commencing upon the date of purchase and continuing for the following specified period of time after that date:

Phone	1 Year
Batteries	1 Year
Leather Case/Pouch/Holster	90 Days
Game Pad	90 Days
Other Phone Accessories	1 Year

What is Not Covered? This Limited Warranty is conditioned upon proper use of Product by Purchaser. This Limited Warranty does not cover: (a) defects or damage resulting from accident, misuse, abuse, neglect, unusual physical, electrical or electromechanical stress, or modification of any part of Product, including antenna, or cosmetic damage; (b) equipment that has the serial number removed or made illegible; (c) any plastic surfaces or other externally exposed parts that are scratched or damaged due to normal use; (d) malfunctions resulting from the use of Product in conjunction with accessories, products, or ancillary/peripheral equipment not furnished or approved by SAMSUNG; (e) defects or damage from improper testing, operation, maintenance, installation, or adjustment; (f) installation, maintenance, and service of Product, or (g) Product used or purchased outside the United States or Canada. This Limited Warranty covers batteries only if battery capacity falls below 80% of rated capacity or the battery leaks, and this Limited Warranty does not cover any battery if (i) the battery has been charged by a battery charger not specified or approved by SAMSUNG for charging the battery, (ii) any of the seals on the battery are broken or show evidence of tampering, or (iii) the battery has been used in equipment other than the SAMSUNG phone for which it is specified.

What are SAMSUNG's Obligations? During the applicable warranty period, SAMSUNG will repair or replace, at SAMSUNG's sole option, without charge to Purchaser, any defective component part of Product. To obtain service under this Limited Warranty, Purchaser must return Product to an authorized phone service facility in an adequate container for shipping, accompanied by Purchaser's sales receipt or comparable substitute proof of sale showing the date of purchase, the serial number of Product and the sellers' name and address. To obtain assistance on where to deliver the Product, call Samsung Customer Care at 1-888-987-4357. Upon receipt, SAMSUNG will promptly repair or replace the defective Product. SAMSUNG may, at SAMSUNG's sole option, use rebuilt, reconditioned, or new parts or components when repairing any Product or replace Product with a rebuilt, reconditioned or new Product. Repaired/ replaced leather cases, pouches and holsters will be warranted for a period of ninety (90) days. All other repaired/ replaced Product will be warranted for a period equal to the remainder of the original Limited Warranty on the original Product or for 90 days, whichever is longer. All replaced parts, components, boards and equipment shall become the property of SAMSUNG. If SAMSUNG determines that any Product is not covered by this Limited Warranty, Purchaser must pay all parts, shipping, and labor charges for the repair or return of such Product.

What Are the Limits On SAMSUNG's Liability? EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN THE EXPRESS WARRANTY CONTAINED HEREIN, PURCHASER TAKES THE PRODUCT "AS IS," AND SAMSUNG MAKES NO WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION AND THERE ARE NO CONDITIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER WITH RESPECT TO THE PRODUCT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

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Motorola Limited Warranty for the United States and Canada

What Does this Warranty Cover?

Subject to the exclusions contained below, Motorola, Inc. warrants its telephones, pagers, messaging devices, and consumer and professional two-way radios (excluding commercial, government or industrial radios) that operate via Family Radio Service or General Mobile Radio Service, Motorola-branded or certified accessories sold for use with these Products ("Accessories") and Motorola software contained on CD-ROMs or other tangible media and sold for use with these Products ("Software") to be free from defects in materials and workmanship under normal consumer usage for the period(s) outlined below. This limited warranty is a consumer's exclusive remedy, and applies as follows to new Motorola Products, Accessories and Software purchased by consumers in the United States or Canada, which are accompanied by this written warranty:

Products and Accessories

Products Covered	Length of Coverage
Products and Accessories as defined above, unless otherwise provided for below.	One (1) year from the date of purchase by the first consumer purchaser of the product unless otherwise provided for below.
Decorative Accessories and Cases. Decorative covers, bezels, PhoneWrap™ covers and cases.	Limited lifetime warranty for the lifetime of ownership by the first consumer purchaser of the product.
Monaural Headsets. Ear buds and boom headsets that transmit mono sound through a wired connection.	Limited lifetime warranty for the lifetime of ownership by the first consumer purchaser of the product.
Consumer and Professional Two-Way Radio Accessories.	Ninety (90) days from the date of purchase by the first consumer purchaser of the product.
Products and Accessories that are Repaired or Replaced.	The balance of the original warranty or for ninety (90) days from the date returned to the consumer, whichever is longer.

Exclusions

- **Normal Wear and Tear.** Periodic maintenance, repair and replacement of parts due to normal wear and tear are excluded from coverage.
- **Batteries.** Only batteries whose fully charged capacity falls below 80% of their rated capacity and batteries that leak are covered by this limited warranty.
- **Abuse & Misuse.** Defects or damage that result from: (a) improper operation, storage, misuse or abuse, accident or neglect, such as physical damage (cracks, scratches, etc.) to the surface of the product resulting from misuse; (b) contact with liquid, water, rain, extreme humidity or heavy perspiration, sand, dirt or the like, extreme heat, or food; (c) use of the Products or Accessories for commercial purposes or subjecting the Product or Accessory to abnormal usage or conditions; or (d) other acts which are not the fault of Motorola, are excluded from coverage.
- **Use of Non-Motorola Products and Accessories.** Defects or damage that result from the use of Non-Motorola branded or certified Products, Accessories, Software or other peripheral equipment are excluded from coverage.

- **Unauthorized Service or Modification.** Defects or damages resulting from service, testing, adjustment, installation, maintenance, alteration, or modification in any way by someone other than Motorola, or its authorized service centers, are excluded from coverage.
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Software

Products Covered	Length of Coverage
Software. Applies only to physical defects in the media that embodies the copy of the software (e.g. CD-ROM, or floppy disk).	Ninety (90) days from the date of purchase.

Exclusions

- **Software Embodied in Physical Media.** No warranty is made that the software will meet your requirements or will work in combination with any hardware or software applications provided by third parties, that the operation of the software products will be uninterrupted or error free, or that all defects in the software products will be corrected.
- **Software NOT Embodied in Physical Media.** Software that is not embodied in physical media (e.g. software that is downloaded from the internet), is provided "as is" and without warranty.

Who is Covered?

This warranty extends only to the first consumer purchaser, and is not transferable.

What Will Motorola Do?

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How to Obtain Warranty Service or Other Information

USA	Initiate repair service at www.motorola.com/servicemyphone Phone support 1-800-331-6456 Two-Way Radios and Messaging Devices 1-800-353-2729
Canada	All Products 1-800-461-4575 Initiate repair service here (English) or here (Français)
TTY	TTY 1-888-390-6456 Email support
For Accessories and Software, please call the telephone number designated above for the product with which they are used.	

You will receive instructions on how to ship the Products, Accessories or Software, at your expense, to a Motorola Authorized Repair Center. To obtain service, you must include: (a) a copy of your receipt, bill of sale or other

comparable proof of purchase; (b) a written description of the problem; (c) the name of your service provider, if applicable; (d) the name and location of the installation facility (if applicable) and, most importantly; (e) your address and telephone number.

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